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SUBJ: TRADE COMPLAINT: CONTINENTAL GRAIN COMPANY

REF: STATE 158644

1. A NEW MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CONTINENTAL GRAIN OFFER WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRIES CONCERNED IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR FIRST WEEK IN JULY.
2. THE MEETING ON THE CONTINENTAL GRAIN PROBLEM REFERRED TO IN REFTEL WAS NOT AMONG MINISTERS OF THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES CONCERNED, BUT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.
3. EMBASSY HAS NOT HEARD THAT MINISTER OF COMMERCE KOPRULULER HAS RESISTED OFFER OF CONTINENTAL GRAIN ALTHOUGH THIS MIGHT BE A LOGICAL CONCLUSION SINCE WHEAT COULD BE TRADED FOR URGENTLY REQUIRED RESOURCES SUCH AS OIL AND RAW MATERIAL FOR INDUSTRY. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO FIND OUT THE SOURCE OF MR SORENSEN'S INFORMATION.
4. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE YUCELER DID NOT WISH TO DISCUSS THE CASE WITH COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND AGRICULTURAL

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ATTACHE UNTIL AFTER THE JULY MEETING.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY FEELS THAT LITTLE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED UNTIL AFTER MEETING. WE ALSO THINK THAT THE MAIN PROBLEM THAT EXISTS NOW IS NOT TERMS OF LATEST OFFER FROM CONTINENTAL GRAIN BUT AN INTERNAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT MINISTRIES TO DETERMINE WHICH ONE WILL FINALLY

HAVE TO TAKE THE BLAME AND PAY THE DAMAGES.
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